

Freedom Industries Update for January 27, 2014

The following updates are for the 24 hour operational period (12:00 pm on January 26, 2014 to 12:00 pm on January 27, 2014):

OSCs Linden and Matlock reported that the facility is continuing to pump water from outside/upgradient of the secondary containment area. The majority of the site is frozen and most of the holes/sumps dug inside the tank containment are frozen and cannot be pumped.

The facility's contractor broke the surface ice on the containment trench at the base of the hill and added salt to help melt the ice. The liner was pulled back and both the surface water and the water which had seeped under the liner, was pumped out of the trench and into a tank for temporary storage. The facility reported that there was no evidence of MCHM in either the surface water or the seeped water from the containment trench.

Ice in the river continues to be a significant issue with maintaining the river boom in place. The facility contractor is attempting to break ice and to properly position the river booms. Because of the ice, once the boom is repositioned further from the river bank, it will be allowed to freeze in place. The USCG will reach back to other USCG personnel who have had experiences with deploying boom in icy conditions to determine if there are other options available.

The facility and its remediation consultant, CEC, met with WVDEP, EPA, and USCG on Monday, January 27, 2014, to discuss the remediation plan. Based upon the meeting discussions WVDEP, EPA, and USCG gave verbal approval to begin implementation of the remediation plan. WVDEP will provide a thorough review of the plan, and if acceptable, will provide approval.